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Losses Of The '60s Subsiding

New Gallup Survey Cites Spiritual Upsurge

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—A new spiritual upsurge appears to have started in the U.S. in the last few years, according to a new Gallup study, "Religion in America, 1976."

The report indicated that declines in religious participation interest which began in the 1960s have apparently subsided. It also found that certain facets of religious faith have always remained constant.

Findings of the latest Gallup study reveal that 94 per cent of Americans believe in God and 69

per cent believe in life after death. Both figures have remained constant since 1948, according to Gallup.

However, the percentage who believe religion is "increasing its influence on American society" dropped from 69 per cent in 1957 to 14 per cent in 1970. By 1975, the affirmative response had risen to 39 per cent.

Surveys of last year and this year also indicated that 56 per cent of Americans said religious beliefs are "very important," 30 per cent said "fairly important"

and only 5 percent said "not at all important."

The research findings offer a "positive outlook for religion in America as we enter the third century of our existence," said the Gallup study.

"Social commentators have expressed surprise that so many people in what they describe as a 'secularized and largely agnostic nation' have supported a devout evangelical Southern Baptist, Jimmy Carter," the study said. "Yet the fact is, Americans are extraordinarily religious people."

Gallup noted that while certain denominations have suffered membership losses in recent years, the religious picture for the nation as a whole has changed "surprisingly little" over the last four decades.

Some 61 per cent of Americans say they are Protestants; 27 per cent, Roman Catholic, and 2 per cent, Jews, with 6 per cent stating no religious preference.

The survey said that 71 per cent of Americans say they are members of a church or synagogue, compared with 73 per cent in 1952.

Concerning political affiliation, 75 per cent of Protestants are Republicans. Eighteen per cent of the Catholics and 1 per cent of the Jews are Republicans. Among Democrats, 56 per cent are Protestants, 33 per cent are Catholics and 3 per cent are Jews. Among independents, 59 per cent are Protestant, 26 per cent are Catholic and 2 per cent are Jews.

The Gallup study revealed that 44 per cent of Americans said they have a "great deal of confidence in organized religion," 24 per cent said "quite a lot," 20 per cent said

"some," 9 per cent, "very little," and 1 per cent, "none."

Gallup's report contained a global study of lifestyles and religious beliefs conducted by Gallup's international division for the Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio.

Americans were found to be the "most religious people" among industrialized nations. The study found that "something approaching a collapse of faith may be occurring in certain European and other nations of the world."

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Jim Henry Is Speaker

Baptist Youth Night Aug. 20 In Jackson

Rev. Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., will be the speaker for the annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Night Aug. 20 in Jackson.

The gathering of young people from all over the state will be held in the Mississippi Coliseum. A concert by Truth, a singing and instrumental group from Mobile, Ala., will begin at 8:30 p.m., and the program will get under way at 7 p.m.

Some 10,000 young people are expected to tax the capacity of the coliseum. Many will come in buses, and special arrangements have been made for parking buses, according to Larry Salter, chairman of the Youth Night Committee for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, will be in charge of the music. He will direct a youth choir made up of musicians from Broad-

moor Baptist Church, Jackson; Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; First Baptist Church, Biloxi; First Baptist Church, Clinton; First Baptist Church, Gulfport; First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst; First Baptist Church, Horn Lake; First Baptist Church, Lumberton; Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton; 38th Avenue Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; and Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicks-

burg.

The accompanists will be Jerry Aultman, a recent graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and Phillip Fortenberry, a student at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, at the piano and organ.

Others will be Tad Denson of Jackson on the electric bass guitar, Diane Smith of Jackson on the drums, and Janet Barnes of Jackson and Rita Wood of Jackson as soloists.

The interpreter for the deaf will be Debbie Battle of Jackson.

Salter will be in charge of the program. Other Youth Night Committee members are Mrs. Nan Grantham, Paul Harrell, Miss Marilyn Hopkins, Jerry Merriam, and Norman Rodgers, all staff members for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which sponsors the annual meeting.

The theme for the meeting will be "Here Is My Life." The pianist

and organist will open the program with a instrumental interpretation of the theme; and then Youth Choir '76, the combined choir, will sing the musical selection, "Here Is My Life." The choir will sing two other selections "Go Ye Into All the World" by Butler and "Let the Son Shine In" by Harris.

Additional selections by Truth will immediately precede the message by Rev. Henry.

In Lebanon

Fighting Christians Not Necessarily 'Believers', Declare Missionaries

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.
ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) — Throughout history Christians have been at war against sin and human injustice.

Now Christians in Lebanon are fighting Moslems. But all those wearing the Christian label are not necessarily "born-again believers," say two missionaries assigned to Lebanon.

Bill Trimble and his wife, Vivian, both Louisiana natives who have served as Southern Baptist missionaries in that area of the world since 1961, said the current civil war there is sectarian and religious groups are similar to American political parties.

He said the term, Christian, is directly related to citizens whose ancestors lived in New Testament times. "When the Crusaders were traveling through that part of the world they were met by Christians who lived in the hills among the cedars of Lebanon."

But the term Christian today should be distinguished from "believers," Trimble said.

"Christian is used in the general sense in Lebanon today rather than in the sense of a person practicing religion."

Lebanese carry the identifica-

tion of their fathers. "When a person is born an identification card is issued on which is listed date and place of birth, father's name, and with what religion the father is identified. A child becomes a Christian or Moslem or whatever because of the father's identification," Trimble explained.

The civil war that began about two years ago between two religious groups, the Christians and Moslems, has disrupted Southern Baptist work. In addition to churches, Baptists are operating a school and seminary in Beirut.

Special guests for this year's rally will be Dr. Keith Parks of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, and Mr. Joel Land of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Some of the missionaries who will be participating in the day are as follows:

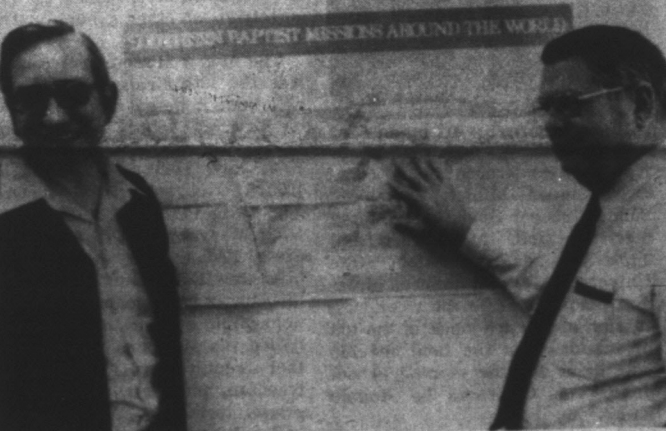
Mary Alice Ditsworth, Indonesia
Dr. and Mrs. John McFadden, Nigeria
Rev. and Mrs. Edd Trott, Brazil
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ray, Thailand

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a city of nearly a million people. Baptist missionaries remaining in Beirut elected not to evacuate with other Americans on July 27.

"The school was to have been self-supporting this year, but the war has changed that," Trimble

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Rhodesia Stewardship Education

Dick Brogan, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, left, and John Alexander, director of the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion, give thought to Rhodesia, where they are visiting with three Mississippi pastors. The pastors are James Yates, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City; Tommy Tutor, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs; and Jim McGee, East McComb Baptist Church in McComb. The Mississippi group will be in Rhodesia for a month for the purpose of stewardship education.

Medical Center Plans Program For Alcoholics

Paul J. Pryor, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, has announced that on Sept. 1, the center will open a 32-bed chemical dependency unit unlike any other program available to alcoholics in Mississippi.

He said the program has been approved by the center's board of trustees and has the backing and support of the Jackson Council on Alcoholism, Alcoholics Anonymous, and the Alcohol Abuse Division of the State Mental Health Department.

"The unit," said Pryor, "will be directed by the key people who, over the past five years, developed a similar unit — at Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha — into one of the finest facilities of its kind in the United States."

He said William Crooks and Mrs. Mary Ross, formerly the director and the chief counselor, respectively, of the Omaha facility, are already on the job at MBMC in those same capacities and will be joined on Aug. 15 by Miss Doris Kuhn as head nurse. Additional personnel are being added.

Crooks said the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Chemical Dependency Unit (to be located in the Gilroy Building of the center complex) "is designed to rehabilitate the chemically dependent person to become, again, a responsible member of society."

He emphasized that the unit "is not just a one-day, in- and out de-toxification stop for the alcoholic. Alcoholism is a disease—a treatable disease which affects every area of one's life. We will treat all aspects — physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual."

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State Missions Aid

A check for \$1,500 is handed to Rev. Tom W. Jackson, second from right, the pastor of Pine Crest Baptist Church in Rankin County, to help in the construction of the new building for the church. Pine Crest has been meeting in a mobile chapel, and the church's new building is almost ready for occupancy. The check came from the Church Building Aid section of the State Missions Offering and was presented by Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. At left is Rev. J. C. Reifree, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. At left is Rev. J. C. Reifree, director of associational missions for the Rankin County Baptist Association; and second from left is Dr. J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pearl and moderator of the association.

LIMURU, Kenya (BP) — Two Southern Baptist missionary couples who temporarily evacuated Uganda in mid-July have said they will stay in Kenya indefinitely. All Southern Baptist missionaries are now out of Uganda.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin left Uganda due to the increased tension in the political situation. They hope to return to Uganda as soon as it is advisable.

A third missionary family assigned to Uganda was not in the country at the time of the evacuation. The G. Webster Carrolls were returning to Uganda from furlough but stopped in Kenya to join the Rices and Garvins.

With the Garvins were their two youngest children. Three older children were already in Kenya attending school and another is in the United States. The Garvins are Texans. He is from Jones County, and she, from Callahan County. The Rices are from Christiansburg, Va. Carroll is from Bluefield, W. Va., and his wife is from Lakeland, Fla. They have two children.

Missouri Voters Reject Parochialism In Heavy Vote

Missouri voters turned out in record numbers to reject a proposed amendment to the state constitution which would have authorized limited state aid to parochial and private schools. With 88 per cent of the vote tallied, the proposed amendment was snuffed under by 587,114 votes to 421,370, a margin of 57 percent to 43 percent, according to the announcement.

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Eddins Goes To Arkansas As Hospital Head

Earl W. Eddins has resigned as Associate Director of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson to become administrator of Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Paul J. Pryor, Executive Director of Mississippi Baptist, praised Eddins for his work at the center and especially for his role in coordination of construction of the center's new \$25 million building.

Eddins said hospital, located in a growing community which is the home of the University of Arkansas, currently has an \$11 million building program under way.

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National Student Directors Workshop

Mississippi College hosted the national Student Directors Workshop sponsored by the National Student Ministries and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Among those in attendance were, from left, Joe Cobb, Booneville, North East Junior College; Cornell Daughtry, Moorhead, Mississippi Delta Junior College; and Jimmy Breland, Cleveland, Delta State University.



Among those in attendance at the national Student Directors Workshop sponsored by the National Student Ministries and the Sunday School Board were Jerry Merriam (left) of Jackson and June Scoggins, Mississippi State University. Several hundred directors participated in the week-long session and heard some of the top professionals in the field develop new ideas for the coming school year. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

Gallup Survey - -

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found to have the lowest religious convictions among the developed nations. Nations of America and the Far East measured high in religious convictions.

Among Americans who indicated no religious preference, 68 per cent are female, 80 per cent are white, 42 per cent are college graduates and 54 per cent are under 30.

Figures on church attendance showed that weekly Protestant attendance remained relatively stable at 38 per cent from 1964 to 1975.

Catholic attendance dropped from 71 per cent in 1964 to 54 per cent in 1975.

About 20 per cent of Jews attended worship services in a typical week in 1975. No figures are available for 1964, but the peak synagogue attendance recorded in the last two decades was 49 per cent in 1958, the Gallup study said.

Missouri Rejects Parochial

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ment by the news service of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The rejected amendment would have authorized at least \$10 million per year for parochial schools by means of transportation services, textbooks, and unspecified services for exceptional children.

The parochial amendment was promoted mainly by Roman Catholic and Missouri Synod Lutheran parochial school interests. Opposition came from Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Baptist and United Methodist churches and leaders, teacher organizations, and a broad spectrum of other groups and individuals.

The Aug. 3 Missouri referendum was the 10th straight statewide referendum defeat for tax aid for parochial schools. In as many years. Others were in Nebraska, 1966; New York, 1967; Michigan, 1970; Nebraska, 1970; Oregon, 1972; Idaho, 1972; Maryland, 1972; Maryland, 1974; Washington State, 1975.

Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, hailed the Missouri vote as "another great victory for religious freedom, another win for the American principle that citizens will voluntarily choose the religious institutions, if any, they will support." Gunn added that, "It is sad that some people just cannot understand that the religious liberty of every citizen, the interdependence of our churches, and democratic government are all better off when a strict separation between church and state is maintained. Proposals to allow government to tax people for the direct or indirect aid of sectarian enterprises are attacks on freedom."

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe — The result of a Sunday School clinic held at the downtown Baptist church here, has been an increase from 12 to 20 Sunday School classes in the four area Baptist churches. Each church is also "making greater efforts to meet the needs of each individual as they come seeking the love of God," according to Judy (Mrs. Alvin L.) Gary, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Southern Baptist missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shehand, and the Garys, led about 35 national leaders in singing children's choruses, making lessons plans and creating handcraft items.

Choral Work Honors Arthur B. Rutledge

GLORIETA, N. M. (BP) — Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), was honored here with the premier performance of a musical presentation written as a tribute to him. "Go Then and Be a Witness," a 30-minute choral work was created by lyricist Ed Seabough of Atlanta and composer Beryl Red of New York, N. Y., from scriptures selected by Rutledge. He will retire Dec. 31, after 11 years as the board's chief executive and will be succeeded by William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

The 93-voice sanctuary choir of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, directed by Jim Van-Hemert, received a standing ovation from more than 1,600 persons at the opening session of Home Missions Week at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Seabough explained the tribute to Rutledge: "We wanted something that would live on after Dr. Rutledge retires, just as we feel his ministry will live on. Through the scriptures he has chosen we sensed the very heartbeat of a man concerned for persons who need the gospel of Christ and the ministry of love."

The musical's eight songs are tied together with narrations that directly quote scripture. Seabough said he and Red sought to depart from the upbeat music they have created in the past to a more serious, complicated choral work. It weaves text and music to create a missions message, likened by several listeners to Rutledge's character in its depth and missions concern.

"This is a choral work which creates its own urgency for fulfilling the missions task," James Sapp, director of the HMB's communications division, told the audience.

Dr. and Mrs. Rutledge were presented to the audience at the musical's close, and he indicated

his pleasure. "The choral work makes a strong presentation of missions, and I fully believe many of these songs will live for years." The musical will be published in January by BR Productions Co., New York City.

Red and Seabough have had longtime associations with Baptist home missions. Seabough, the HMB's director of personnel recruitment services, wrote the lyrics for two previous missions musicals — "Joy" and "Fabric of Freedom."

Red, head of BR Productions, was formerly director of music at Manhattan Baptist Church and choral director of the television program, "Spring Street, USA," produced by the HMB's evangelism section in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Red also directs The Centurymen, 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music widely known as a concert and recording group.

Cooperative Program Runs 14.34% Ahead

NASHVILLE (BP) — With two months to go in the 1975-76 fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget has reached \$39,217,028 — 14.34 percent, or more than \$4.9 million, ahead of the same point in the 1974-75 year.

Total contributions from some 34,902 churches across 50 states amounted to \$77,671,460. That figure, which is 12.8 percent ahead of last year, includes the \$39,217,028 Cooperative Program figure and another \$38,454,432 in designated contributions.

According to projects by Billy D. Malesovas, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, the 14.34 percent pace would result in about \$47 million in Cooperative Program contributions by the end of the fiscal year. That amount would exceed needs of the Cooperative Program's basic operating and capital needs budgets of \$42,080,000, but fall short of the total \$51 million goal for 1975-76. The total goal includes \$8,920,000 in challenge funds to meet worldwide missions needs of Southern Baptists above basic operating and capital needs.

For July the Cooperative Program collected \$4,000,000—a 20.62 percent increase over July of 1975. Total contributions in July amounted to \$5,136,686, a 24.29 percent increase over last July. The total contributions figure includes the \$4,000,000 Cooperative Program figure and \$1,046,686 in designated contributions.

TRINIDAD, West Indies—Baptists have recently dedicated a new building for Rich Plain Baptist Church. The building can seat 200 persons.

Resources For Deaf Children Introduced

GLORIETA, N. M. — To help meet the needs of approximately 50,000 deaf children in the United States, Southern Baptists have introduced a curriculum line especially for them.

The new material, entitled "Teaching Deaf Children: Resource Kit" was introduced at the recent Sunday School Leadership Conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center. Mrs. Muriel Blackwell and Ginny Davis, both of the children's section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, made the presentation of materials which will be available October 1.

Resources are written by parents of deaf children or by experts in the field. The 13 sessions are designed for one teacher and seven students.



McFadden



Mrs. McFadden



Miss Dittsworth



Land



Mrs. Trott



Trott



Ray



Mrs. Ray

World Missions Rally: A Family Missions Day

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Registration will begin at 9:15 a.m. and activities will conclude

at 3:15 p.m. Cost for the day,

which includes meal and insurance, is \$2.50. This amount will

be paid on arrival at camp.

Preregistration for the conference is necessary in order for adequate preparation to be made.

Send names, addresses, and ages of those planning to attend to World Missions Rally, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

Fighting Christians In Lebanon Not Necessarily 'Believers'

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said. At last report the Baptist school was still operating and four missionaries were in Beirut, the James K. Raglands, Mable Summers and Emma Cooke, all associated with the school.

"When we returned to Lebanon from furlough in 1972, the work was growing rapidly and showing great promise," the Louisiana native said. At that time a total of 32 missionaries, including journeymen and volunteers, were on the field and a goal of 100 baptisms by 1974 had been set.

"This was a tremendous goal, but realistic," he said, "and we had plans for the school to be operating without subsidy from the Foreign Mission Board (except for missionary salaries) by 1976."

The veteran missionary couple who arrived in the United States the latter part of July for a year's furlough said the war with its many political and ideological implications has disrupted church life and brought danger to missionary personnel as well as nationals.

Disruptions have included such situations as restricted night services because it has been dangerous for persons to be out on the streets after dark, nationals and unable to work regularly and do not have funds to contribute to the support of the churches and schools and property has been damaged from bombs and bullets.

In Rahbe, the church building, constructed with Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign

Missions funds, was completely destroyed. The pastor lost all of his personal possessions and library, and villages were driven from their homes. In Rayak (pronounced Reek) where there was a strong work, pastor Fuad Sharoush, now in Jordan, said as he knows only two members of the church are left in the village.

A missionary home was recently destroyed that contained furniture of Wilson and Cheryl Tatum who are now working in Yemen until their furlough a year from now. Tatum is the son of Scott Tatum, former pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Shreveport, now on the faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

In early July the home of Wil-

liam O. Hern family received three direct hits destroying most of their furniture. The Herns were not in Lebanon. Heavy fighting close to the Arab Baptist Seminary caused two direct hits on the roof of the main building and several hits on the seminary grounds. Blasts broke most of the window panes in the main building and damaged contents of two rooms.

Trimble said moving from one section of the city to another is very dangerous because of the fighting. One section of the city may be controlled by Christians, he said, and another section controlled by Moslems. To enter a section without proper identification can be dangerous.

Traveling across town to attend church is almost impossible. Dan-

ger is faced not only from warring factions but from misguided rockets that may fall on buildings and homes and from the criminal element, he noted.

Mrs. Trimble said, "Several months before we left we could walk in a radius of 25 blocks of our home because we were known. But the last night we were there we slept in the hall because it was protected. We had to wear earplugs to keep out noise of the rockets so we could sleep." Many homes were without water or electricity, she said.

When the Trimbles left Lebanon early this summer for furlough they were fortunate to be able to travel to the airport, now reported closed, inside the same sec-

tion. But even then they passed through several roadblocks and were constantly checked.

Trimble said the situation is as intense as news reports indicate. The FMB will not order missionaries out of a country because the decision is left to the missionary following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, he said. Missionaries have been staying as long as possible in order to support a cluster of Baptist believers who can't leave.

Presbyterians are the largest evangelical group in Lebanon and have started many churches and schools there in the past 100 years. Southern Baptists sent missionaries in 1948 to work with a small group of Baptists living there.



Midwestern Alumni Planning

Sanford Beckett, (second from right), minister of education and youth of University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, Miss., shares a light-hearted moment with Midwestern President, Milton Ferguson (right), Alta Morrow, a member of the administrative staff; and Arthur McGinnis, pastor of Pearl Avenue Baptist Church in Paola, Kansas. Beckett, recently elected vice-president of the National Alumni Association of Midwestern Seminary, was on campus in Kansas City, Mo. for an alumni officers' planning meeting. The seminary will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 1977.

Conference On Problems For Aged Scheduled At MC

CLINTON — Some 500 persons from throughout the state are expected to take part in a conference on the Problems of the Aged and Retired scheduled for Mississippi College on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Funded through a grant from the Committee for the Humanities, the day-long conference is being hosted by Mississippi College in cooperation with the Council on Aging.

"We have had numerous inquiries since our first notice of the meeting was released," said Mrs. Irene Shurden of Clinton, coordinator for the conference, "and there seems to be a lot of interest in such a program."

Invitations to selected individual are already in the mail, according to Mrs. Shurden, but any person who is interested in attending the conference can do so by contacting Dr. James Brewer, director of the conference, at Mississippi College. Participants will include legislators, agency heads, businessmen, religious leaders, civic leaders, and others.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. in Self Hall on campus, with the first general session featuring Dr. Bob Soltau of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge speaking on the topic "Problems of the Aged and Retired — an Overview."

BULLETIN

Dr. Richard A. McLemore, Clinton, President Emeritus of Mississippi College, underwent heart surgery at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, on Tuesday morning, August 10.

At press time, a call from his secretary stated that he had stood the operation satisfactorily, and that everything looked good.

When Conflict Arises

By Clifton Perkins
Director, Department of
Church-Minister Relations
(First Of A Series)

An angry young husband shouted at his pretty wife, "I can't understand why God made women beautiful but yet so dumb." She yelled back, "That is easy to explain: God made me beautiful so you would love me; and He made me dumb so I would love you."

Yes, conflicts do arise in marriage and in many other relationships, including the pastor and people relationship. Sometimes, even in the best of churches, conflicts and differences arise between pastor and people. We wish they did not, but, because we are imperfect people in an imperfect world, conflicts do come — even in the family of God.

These situations should be dealt with in a spirit of Christian love, understanding, and good will. Small nagging problems allowed to go unsolved tend to become large nagging problems. Leadership has not assumed its full responsibility when deterioration to the point of rupture in fellowship has occurred.

In dealing with these difficulties there is one overriding principle which must be kept in mind by both pastor and people. Jesus says, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14). When Paul was writing to his friends in Philippi and when he was thinking of their trying to live the Christian life in a heathen and pagan city, he said to them: "You shine as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:15).

One of the main purposes of light is to guide and make things clear for people. As individual Christians and as churches we are to guide people in the ways of God. The message we proclaim from our pulpits and class rooms is important — but equally important

ant is the message we speak by our actions.

The ideals of the Kingdom of God should be made real in a local community through the life of the church. In the group life of Christian people, secular organizations of the community should be able to discern the principles of conduct which should guide them. It is the plan of God that the Spirit of Christ which prevails in the church should invade the city, and not vice versa. The secular groups in a community should be able to say as they look at Christians in the fellowship of the church: "See how they love one another."

Both church and pastor should face this possibility: It could be that the most powerful sermon that will ever be proclaimed from your church will be the message people get from the way you deal with troublesome situations.

Here are some questions to ponder when conflict arises:

1. For church and pastor. The relationship between pastor and people should have been formed as a result of the leadership of God. Should not His will be earnestly sought when differences arose and the dark cloud of conflict looms on the horizon?

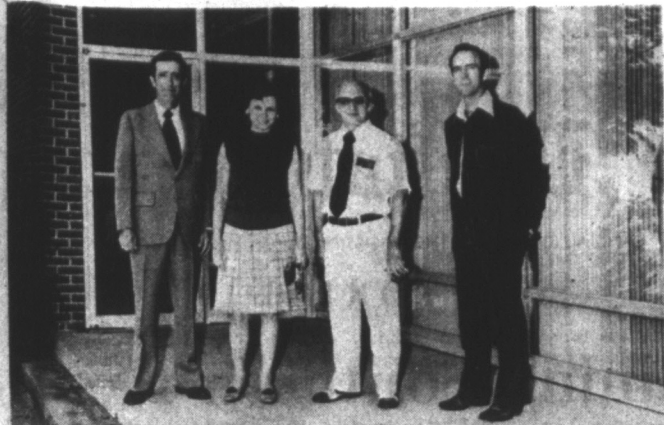
2. For church and pastor: What is the best way to work out these difficulties in a manner that will bring glory to our Saviour?

3. For the pastor: Will my remaining as pastor of this church be in the best interest of the Kingdom of God?

4. For the church: Would it honor God for us to dismiss our pastor without a call to another church since we belong to a church group that frowns on a minister applying for a pastoral position?

Let us remember that, even in the depth of conflicts, "we are the light of the world."

(Next Week — Dealing With Conflict.)



Lincoln County Baptist Association officers standing in the doorway of property bought by the association from the Brookhaven Production Credit Association. From left, M. R. (Mack) Massey, vice-moderator; Mrs. Willie Mae Roberts, association clerk; Eugene L. Roberts, director of missions; Harry S. Case, association treasurer.

Lincoln Baptists Buy Building In Brookhaven

The acquisition of property at the corner of East Monticello and South Second Streets from the Brookhaven Production Credit Association is the realization of a hope and the fulfillment of plans that have been under consideration by the Lincoln County Baptist Association for four years," says Eugene L. Roberts, director of Missions for the association.

The transfer of the property was completed July 15.

In Southern Baptist life there is a new emphasis on the strategic importance of the Baptist association as a "vital link in a total world missions program." The acquisition of more adequate facilities will enable the Lincoln County Baptist Association more effectively to fulfill its role as a "vital link" in the total cooperative work of the Southern Baptist Convention, Lincoln Baptist Association officers said.

This new property is more than offices. Some of its provisions are: office for the director of missions and a place for the committee and conference work vital to his position; office for a secretary; work-room for the publishing of a newsletter and other materials for the churches; storage area for equipment, for visual aids, for supplies, and for resource material that are distributed to the churches; space for the display of the many selections of literature and resource materials.

The new facility will also provide a central meeting place for the programs and committees of the association. The Lincoln County Baptist Association has five program organizations for assistance to churches in the corresponding areas. They are: Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood. The association also has 14 committees plus other special committees as the needs arise. Pastors' conferences would also meet frequently in this building.

Lincoln County Baptists joined Copiah County Baptists in setting up an active association missions program in 1962. The Rev. Luther M. Dorr on April 1, 1962, became director of missions. The Rev. Mr. Dorr maintained an office for the association work in his home. With the coming of the Rev. Eugene L. Roberts as director of missions for this bi-county association missions program on April 15, 1965, the association office was set up in a room provided by the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven. Two years later the association converted a carport at the home of the director of missions into an office for the association work.

Employees Are Needed At Glorieta

GLORIETA, N. M. — Approximately 25 seasonal workers are needed at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, many to begin work as early as Sept. 1.

According to conference center manager Larry Haslam, "Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is experiencing some of the greatest growth of its history, and our year-round program requires participation by staff on a 12-month basis. Expertise is important, as are Christian attitudes, willingness to serve and the feeling of ministry through service."

Employees are needed to staff the dining hall, registration desk, janitorial crews and New Mexico hall crew, which handles conference room preparation. Electricians, secretaries-clerks and registered nurses also may apply for a limited number of positions.

Benefits include Social Security and possible housing on the grounds. Any arrangements to rent Glorieta housing will be made on an individual basis at time of employment. Compensation will be minimum wage or slightly above.

Persons between the ages of 17 and 70 who are interested in seasonal employment should write for an application to Staff Coordinator, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, N. M. 87535.

Help Wanted: A Scientist Who Will Uphold Evolution

ST. PAUL, Minn. (RNS) — WANTED: A scientist to defend the theory of evolution.

The program committee for the National Creation-Science Conference, to be held Aug. 15-18, — suburban Roseville, has thus far failed to find such a person despite personal contacts and ads in the University of Minnesota Daily.

A pre-evolution scientist is being sought to debate another scientist who will uphold the Bible's account of Creation — Dr. Duane Gish of the Institute of Creation Research, San Diego, Calif.

The hoped-for debate, which is to be "purely scientific and non-religious," is scheduled for Aug. 16 at Northwestern College, Roseville, as part of the creation-science conference. An honorarium will be paid each debater, said Dr. John L. Cunningham of Northwestern College and program committee chairman for the conference.

Carey Awards 174 Degrees In Graduation Rites

William Carey College awarded 174 undergraduate and graduate degrees on Sunday afternoon, August 8, in ceremonies taking place in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president of the college, was the speaker for the occasion. Following his address he joined Deans of the Schools of Music, Nursing, Business, and Arts and Sciences in awarding 128 master's degrees and 46 bachelor's degrees to students completing degree requirements during the summer sessions.

A reception in Wilkes Dining Hall followed the commencement program and honored graduates, their families and friends.

Dr. Ernest has been on the William Carey College administration for 15 years, having served for an additional five years as Dean at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Maryville College and both the master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Tennessee.

Mrs. Hitt Participates In Group Child Care Workshop

Mrs. James (Annette) Hitt, director of the Department of Character and Career Development at The Baptist Children's Village has just returned from participation in Group Child Care Workshops in Chapel Hill, N. C., where she delivered a major paper on the nature and thrust of the ministry of The Children's Village, in her area of responsibility.

The Baptist Children's Village is the official Mississippi Baptist child care agency, operating its major group-campus on Flag Chapel Drive, near Jackson; a branch "country-life" campus on the Farrow Manor properties, near Independence, in Tate County; a "Satellite Home" in New Albany, Mississippi and its own, organized system of private, "foster" homes in virtually every area of Mississippi.

According to Village authorities, Mrs. Hitt was invited to become a part of the leadership of the 1976 summer workshops, recognized among many professionals as the most prestigious group child care training facility in America, after her efforts in Character and Career at The Village were adjudged "unique" and perhaps "a pioneer ministry" by the Workshop Staff.

In commenting upon Mrs. Hitt's service on the Workshop Staff, Paul N. Nunnery, Village superintendent emphasized the great credit which Mrs. Hitt has reflected upon herself and upon the mission ministry of Mississippi Baptists to boys and girls.

The program and leadership offered by the workshops, according to Nunnery, traditionally meet the highest standards of child care training, and Mrs. Hitt's selection and invitation to present an entirely new facet of service as a feature of the 1976 workshops, represents a high honor for her and for The Children's Village. The Department of Character and Career Development was formally initiated, after three months of planning and preparation, on Sept. 1, 1975, under Mrs. Hitt's leadership.

Mrs. Hitt has made frequent trips to the workshops and at the same time has been an active participant in the workshops, explaining her work at The Children's Village and developing its purposes. The Village administration has announced that she continues to be available, upon invitation, for such appearances, without obligation to the local church or group.

"God has richly blessed the

ministry of child care which is the ministry of The Baptist Children's Village," Superintendent Nunnery stated, "and it would appear to many of us that his choicest blessings have been in the enthusiastic, attractive Christians such as Annette Hitt, who have come to work with us. The quality and compassion of our Mississippi Baptist ministry to the neglected and dependent child, through the mission of The Village, continues to be recognized by prominent child care professionals everywhere, Baptist and otherwise, largely because of the energy, dedication and the training of lovely Christians like Annette Hitt."

GAZA — The urgent need for personnel at the Gaza Baptist Hospital was the chief topic of discussion at the annual board of trustees meeting held here recently. Southern Baptist Missionary-Administrator Thomas S. Adkins told the group two additional nurses and at least one more surgeon will become necessary in the very near future in order for the hospital to continue its ministry to the people of the Gaza Strip. The 75-bed hospital handles primarily surgical and complicated obstetrical cases. It served almost 30,000 outpatients and 2,000 admitted patients during the last year.

Americans United Oppose Religious Census Question

Silver Spring, Maryland (C-SNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State executive director Andrew Leigh Gunn today told Vincent P. Barabba, director of the Bureau of the Census, that the religious liberty organization opposes inclusion of a religious question in the 1977 sample.

Mr. Gunn charged that "such a question would be improper government interference in the sacred area of religion and raises serious constitutional objections." "The government," Gunn contended, "cannot inquire into the religious persuasion of American citizens." Gunn said that a religious question in the census "would violate the constitutional right of privacy accorded to American citizens, and could constitute a dangerous precedent of government snooping into the personal political or social views of our people."



Morrison Heights Buys House, Two Acres

Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, voted June 27 to buy the home of Ed McDonald (pictured in foreground), and two acres of land that surround it. The home was remodeled in 1974 and contains 2,200 square feet of living area. There is a guest house also that has 520 square feet with a fenced-in swimming pool nearby. The property is located at the northeast corner of the present church property.

The Morrison Heights Church plant can be seen in the background. The home will be used as a parsonage until such time as the church feels the land is needed for further expansion. Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor, and family will be moving into the home when Mr. McDonald completes construction of a new residence for his family.

Graduation Closes MC's Sesquicentennial Year

One of the most significant academic years in the history of Mississippi College comes to a close on Friday afternoon, Aug. 13, as the institution closes out its Sesquicentennial Session with summer graduation ceremonies at Jackson's City Auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

Founded in 1826, the historic senior college will officially end its 150th year as an educational institution and its 125th year as an agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. During its history the college has celebrated many milestones, but perhaps the most significant of these came during the anniversary year when total enrollment reached its highest peak ever and the college awarded its first doctor of jurisprudence degrees through its new School of Law.

On Friday afternoon, degrees are scheduled to be awarded to 240 individuals, including 80 undergraduates, 132 graduates, 10 education specialists, and 18 law students. The summer degrees will swell to 759 the total number of degrees issued by the college during the sesquicentennial year. During the May commencement 519 degrees were conferred.

Guest speaker for the summer commencement exercises will be Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson. Pollard serves as pastor of many students who attend the college.

Diplomas will be awarded by Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, assisted by Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; Dr. Ed McMillan,

dean of the Graduate School; and Arthur Weeks, dean of the School of Law.

At 8:15 a.m. on Friday the grads-to-be will be guests of the Office of Student Affairs at a breakfast in the B. C. Rogers Student Center. Official host for the affair will be Dr. Van D. Quick, vice-president for student affairs.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles will entertain the graduates, their relatives and friends, at a reception in the lobby of City Auditorium immediately following the commencement ceremonies.

Mississippi College opens its 151st academic session on Sunday, Aug. 29, with the arrival of freshmen and transfer students for orientation and registration.

Eddins Goes To - - -

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He has been with the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center since November of 1967, after four years as administrator of Baptist Hospital of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Eddins has served the Northminster Baptist Church in Jackson as Deacon and as Sunday School superintendent.

He was an assistant administrator of Oklahoma Baptist Hospital in Muskogee before going to Washington University for two years of study. He was an administrative resident at Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock in 1962-63 and then was at Scottsdale, Arizona.

Medical Center - - -

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chological, social, and spiritual. "To merely de-toxify the patient would not begin to touch the disease itself. Each patient will be required to take, in its entirety, a two-phase course of treatment lasting about 35 days. The effectiveness of the course was proven over and over again in Omaha."

"The first phase is de-toxification — withdrawal from dependency upon all mood-altering chemicals, including alcohol. The second phase is intensive in-patient treatment. The third phase calls for comprehensive aftercare and follow-up over an indefinite period."

Crooks said referrals can be made not only by physicians but also by clergymen, courts, industry, businesses, friends, family, Alcoholics Anonymous, and others. The medical staff of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center will work closely with the courts through a special committee.

Mrs. Ross described the treatment concept as "a program of intervention. An alcoholic can be treated long before he admits he needs help. We can intervene, hopefully, long before he reaches that stage — before his condition deteriorates to the 'danger point.'"

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EDITORIAL

Explaining Southern Baptists

Southern Baptists are an enigma to the Christian world.

How do you explain a denomination like this?

When most other major denominations are declining, these people are advancing.

When many other groups are reducing their missionary programs, Southern Baptists are enlarging theirs.

When some other groups are dividing in doctrinal issues, Southern Baptists remain united.

When other groups find it difficult to recruit new blood for pastoral and other vocational leadership, Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries continue to see an increasing enrollment.

This does not mean that Southern Baptist gains, especially in recent years are spectacular, but they are continuous and they cover most of the areas of the work.

How can you explain it? Many people are baffled, and keep on asking "Why?" "What is the secret of these people?"

We are sure that there are a number of answers. As one looks at what is happening he is reminded of the words of our Lord to the church of Philadelphia, in the third chapter of Revelation. The Lord said that He has set before the church an "open door," and He gave the reason why.

"Thou hast a little strength. . ."

"Thou hast kept my word"

"Thou hast not denied my name."

God has blessed Southern Baptists with strength. . . actually their greatest strength has been and is, that which is supplied by the Holy Spirit.

They do have such strength today for the Spirit has led them to develop into a strong and numerous people.

Furthermore, they are a people of the Word. Perhaps this, as much as anything else, explains Southern Baptists.

They are a people of the book . . . the Bible. They accept it as the Word of God. They believe it is divinely inspired, and you will find it preached in their pulpits, studied in their organizations, and read in their homes. Their literature is based solidly upon the Bible and not on something in the field of sociology or psychology. They may use some of the latter but only as they are based upon the Word.

The South often is called the "Bible belt." If it is that, it is partly because Southern Baptists have made it that.

Our Lord speaks of a third thing in His word to Philadelphia. "Thou hast not denied my name."

A people of a "book." A people of a "name."

That name is Jesus Christ.

Southern Baptists believe Paul's words when he said in Ephesians

"To him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus."

These people believe in Christ. To them He is deity. He is God. He was with the Father in eternity. He came to earth to reveal God to man, and to die for man. He rose from the dead and returned to heaven. He is coming again, bodily, for His own.

Baptists believe these truths. Their whole system of doctrinal beliefs, which come entirely from the Bible, is based upon Jesus Christ.

They love Christ. They believe that men are saved only through Him.

They preach Him.

They worship Him.

They proclaim Him as the hope of the world. . . the one and only Savior.

With a program like this. . . believing the book and centering all in Christ, Southern Baptists go forth, with a conviction that they have a mission given by the Lord himself. It is these beliefs which lead them to live for the Lord.

It is these beliefs which make them give themselves to the church.

It is these convictions which unite them in cooperative effort.

Baptists believe and therefore they live and they act.

It is doubtful if you can explain Southern Baptists in any better way.

Southern Baptists And Charismatics

Three weeks ago we carried a Baptist Press story on the Charismatic movement as it is effecting Southern Baptists. The report revealed developments within our convention, and the problems the issue is raising in some areas. It raised the question of just what Southern Baptists should do about the matter.

What can be done with churches in associations, or individuals and groups in Baptist churches which become involved in this movement? Shall we try to ignore them, or shall we take the drastic action of dis-fellowshipping them? Baptists are divided on which is the right course.

Most Baptists probably are agreed in not accepting the teachings and actions of these groups. They do not believe that the teaching of a special experience on the part of Christians called "baptism of the Holy Spirit" is theologically sound. They do not believe that such an experience as a "second work of Grace" is taught in the Bible.

Furthermore, they do not believe that there is a "gift" called speaking in tongues, or that tongues is a sign of the "baptism of the Spirit." Our friends in the Pentecostal groups, and even some Baptists, feel that they have found such teaching in the Scriptures, but most Baptists do not agree with them. They acknowledge the sincerity of these friends, but believe that they are misinterpreting the Scriptures. While recognizing the need for ev-

ery Christian to be filled with the Spirit, and understanding the clear Scriptural teaching concerning gifts of the Spirit, and the fruit of the Spirit, they feel that such teachings of the Charismatic groups are based upon misunderstanding of and misinterpretation of Scripture. And, for Baptists, the Bible is the final authority. If a doctrine or practice is not clearly taught there they cannot accept it.

What then, shall Baptists do, when this practice appears in their midst? There are two possible courses of action: they may seek to quietly ignore it, or they may take positive action against it. Which is the proper course?

The decision probably will be determined by the actions of the Charismatics themselves. If they claim such an experience and it makes them humble and loving and more deeply spiritual in their lives, fellow members can probably best ignore the matter. Even though they feel that these members are mistaken in their claims, they can rejoice when it makes them better Christians.

If, however, such an experience makes these Charismatics aggressive and evangelistic in seeking to bring everybody else into the circle of their experience, then the situation can become divisive, and churches may have to take action.

It probably is better if persons becoming involved in these movements quietly join others of like beliefs, and remove themselves from

the fellowship of those who do not accept their teachings.

The same thing is true with churches. When a church moves into the Neo-Pentecostal circle, and becomes aggressive in promotion of its program, it can disrupt fellowship, and the denominational groups involved may have to take action to prevent further disruption. The better thing would be for the church quietly to leave the Baptist group and seek fellowship with others of like mind. If it wishes to remain in the Baptist fellowship, it should do so without creating problems for the churches which do not accept its teachings.

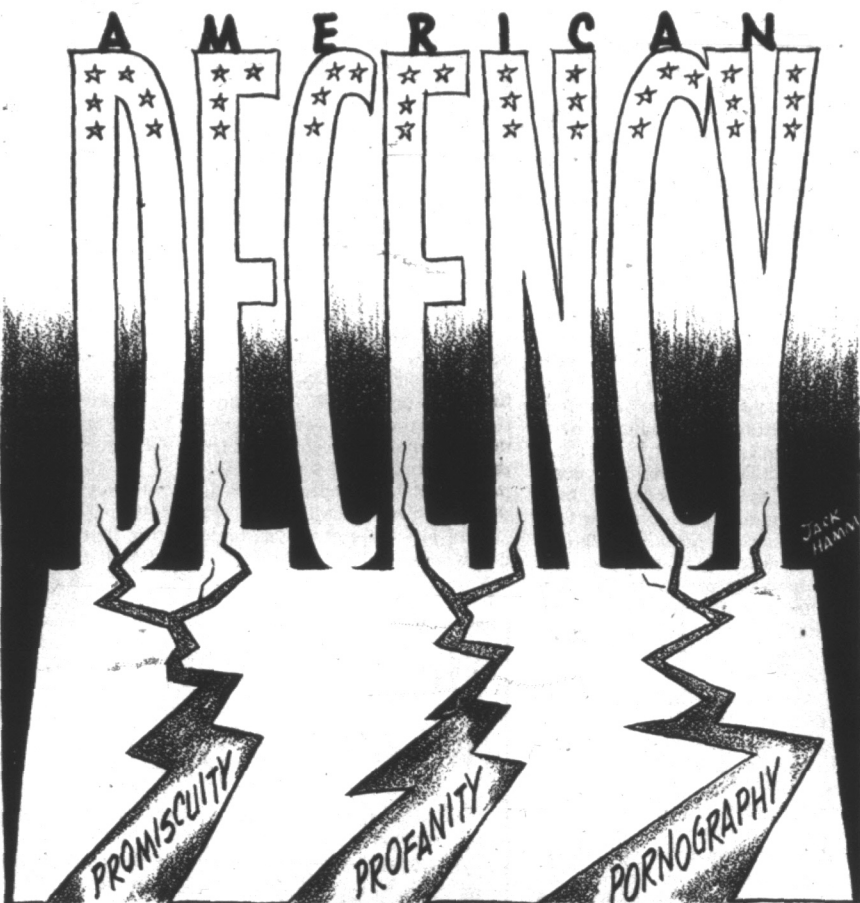
There have been other movements which have caused problems and temporary disruptions for Southern Baptists. Usually as the convention has gone on with its Bible believing, Christ centered program of preaching the gospel winning souls and building churches, it quickly has left the disruptive period behind. That probably will happen again. If, however, these groups become too aggressive and disruptive, the situation may demand positive action.

We cannot forget Gamaliel's words in Acts, "If this work be of men, it will come to naught; but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it." (Acts 5:38-39). But we also remember Paul's words, "mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17)

Signs presents important signs of the Second Coming of Christ, signs which are being fulfilled right now. Moody Adams is an effective preacher, and his messages are clear, Biblical, logical, moving and timely. These four books are not large, as books go, but they are rich in content.

RETURN TO REALITY by Billy G. Rivers (Author, First Baptist Church, Hamlet, N. C. paper, 98 pp., \$1.95). The subtitle is "America, It Is Not Too Late." A Southern Baptist pastor writes a series of essays on America, the American Dream, God's blessing on America, the strengths and weaknesses of the Land, and of how God has led the nation. Special chapters deal with about 20 of the presidents. Another special section reports on some of the national prayer breakfasts. The whole book has the purpose of helping Christians to see the place that God has had in American history, and to provide a call for Christians to keep America close to God today. A valuable addition to the numerous books on Christianity in American life appearing in connection with the nation's Bicentennial.

THE MIRACLE OF JIMMY CARTER by Howard Norton and Bob Slosser (Logos, pocketbook paper, 134 pp., \$1.95). An examination of the life of Jimmy Carter with a study of the background influences which brought him to the decision to run for president. Carter's Christian experience comes through as an influential factor in his amazing climb to the national spotlight. The authors say that Faith "is the difference."



WIDENING FRACTURES

On The MORAL SCENE...

THE THIRD MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD — Next to Gerald Ford and Leonid Brezhnev, the most powerful man in the world is not Mao Tse-tung or the head of any other government. The third most powerful man in the world is a commander of a Trident submarine. A single Trident submarine today carries more destructive force than all the military establishments of Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Argentina, West Germany, Japan, the Philippines, India, and Pakistan put together. A Trident has built into it an underwater launching platform for thermonuclear bombs, some of which contain more explosive force than a thousand atomic bombs of the kind that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945. . . The Trident submarine is a logical development in an illogical situation. . . Historically, the main purpose of a nation's foreign policy is to protect the lives, values, and property of its citizens. If this purpose becomes impossible because of the nature of nuclear explosives, then much of the official policy on national security is not security at all, but an illogical venture in mass suicide. The hard truth is that the only security for the American people today, or for any people, is to be found through the control of force rather than the pursuit of force. (Norman Cousins, Saturday Review, April 17, 1976)

THE WOMAN I AM, LOOKING FORWARD THROUGH THE CHRISTIAN PAST by Nell Tynes Bowen (Woman's Missionary Union, 79 pp., \$1.50) Based on 21 short stories about spiritual heroines in historical or present-day United States, this book salutes the U. S. Bicentennial. It inaugurates a series of spiritual development books to be released each spring by WMU. The character studies are all of women with selfless motivation because of their relation to Christ.

Working With Volunteer Leaders in the Church by Reginald M. McDonough, Broadman Press, 146 pages, \$2.95. Pastors and other staff members are always aware of the need for skill development in working with volunteers in the church. Dr. McDonough has done a splendid job in providing resources in this area. The nine chapters of this great book, discuss the following: the importance, finding and enlisting, developing and motivating, organizing and challenging, and planning, coordinating and improving the work of volunteers. A must for pastors and staff. — Leon Emery

IN SEARCH OF NOAH'S ARK by Dave Balsiger and Charles E. Seiler, Jr. (Sun Classic Books, pocket book paper, 218 pp., \$2.95)

Another in the number of books published in recent years concerning whether the Ark of Noah has been found on Mt. Ararat in Eastern Turkey. The book evidently is issued in connection with a new motion picture by the same name. Chapters tell of the Biblical account of the flood; scientific and historical evidences of the flood; and then much of the history of claimed sightings, evidences, etc., that the remains of the ark still remain on the mountain. There are numerous photographs, some from the moving picture which will be released shortly.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Estus Mason Expresses Appreciation For Concern Of Friends

Dear Friends,

Words are inadequate to express the sincere thanks and deep appreciation of my heart and that of my family to our many friends and churches who prayed for us during the time of my heart attack and heart surgery. Your prayers, letters, cards, phone calls, and visits meant so very, very much to us. We felt the strength of your prayers.

We are well on the way to complete recovery and are beginning to take on some of our pastoral responsibilities. Again, thank you again and again for all that you mean to us.

A. Estus Mason, Pastor
FBC, Crystal Springs

You can always spot an educated man. His views are the same as yours.

A dog is man's best friend, and a woman is his most expensive.

Garage Sale

ONE CLOSET: Designed for prayer, never used.
ONE BIBLE: Like new, seldom used; bargain.
ONE CROSS: Nearly new. I cannot bear it and keep up with the worldly with whom I run.
ONE TALENT: New, except for being slightly shipworn; has been laid up for years.
ONE SUIT OF ARMOR: 5 pieces in all; for the original description, see Ephesians 6:13-17. All pieces in fine condition, never dented, not a scratch. However, it needs polishing badly.
ONE BADLY USED TESTIMONY: The only thing for sale in poor condition. Buyer may be able to put back into a respectable state of repair with some effort.
ONE (LOST) OPPORTUNITY: If found, will be included. However, no hope is held out at this time, for the owner believes it to be gone forever. Reason for selling — owner being called home.
PLEASE NOTE: All items are located on the corner of Neglect Boulevard and Careless Avenue in basement under a pile of filthy rags.
Signed: Many A Christian
—The Proclaimer, Nashville

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NEWEST BOOKS

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES.

PELOUBET'S NOTES by Ralph Earle (Baker, paper 407 pp., \$4.95)

Uniform Lessons from September 1976-August 1977. Includes outline, suggestions for teachers introductions, verse by verse commentary, discussion questions, and contemporary application.

ROZELL'S COMPLETE LESSONS by James Rozell (Zondervan, paper, 320 pp., \$5.95). Uniform lessons: Verse by verse commentary, with clear outline for teaching. Teacher suggestions of Pupil needs to be met, central truth and suggested approach.

BROADMAN COMMENTS by Donald F. Ackland and Others (Broadman, 384 pp., \$3.95).

Uniform lessons: Sections include: Studying the Bible; Applying the Lesson; Teaching the Class, with aim, preparation, stimulating learning, searching for truth, and personal application.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS by William J. Falls (Broadman, pocket size paper, 218 pp., \$1.50)

Uniform lessons: Brief commentary with introduction, Lesson Explained. Truths to Live By, a Verse to Remember and Daily Bible Readings. Long a favorite with those wanting brief, concise comments.

ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSON ANNUAL, 1976-77 (Broadman, 411 pp., \$3.95)

More than 40 writers, join in present-

ing this lesson series during the year. Each lesson divided into three sections: Understanding the Bible Passages; Applying the Bible Passages; Leading Bible Study. Broadman Comments — October-December — Ackland and others (Broadman, 96 pp., \$1.80) Quarterly section of the lesson annual.

Beaches of Gold by Moody Adams (paper, 78 pp., \$1.50)

The Witches Are Rising by Moody Adams (paper, 45 pp.)

Jesus Never Spoke in Tongues by Moody Adams (paper, 94 pp.)

New Signs of the Second Coming by Moody Adams (paper 108 pp.)

All four books published by Moody Adams Evangelistic Association, Box 855, Baton Rouge, La. 70821. The price of only one of them was given. They may be ordered from the author, or from the Baptist Book Store.

Moody Adams is a young Southern Baptist evangelist who has been widely used across the convention. These books present forceful and challenging messages on the subjects indicated. **Beaches of Gold** is a series of six messages on Christ's living. **Witches** deals with witchcraft and the occult, and shows what these forces are doing for young people today. **Tongues** deals with the Charismatic movement, and especially with tongues, giving a clear exposition on what is and what is not taught about tongues in the Bible. He exposes false teachings and claims concerning tongues. This should be a most helpful volume for those who are being disturbed by Charismatic claims. **New**

Campers On Mission Share Their Faith

JAMESTOWN, Va.—The young couple had a picnic table down by the river, decked out with dinner and a large bottle of wine, a scene conducive to romance.

Conducive, that is, until they saw dozens of lawn chair carrying campers marching to their spot, seating themselves facing the river. The couple left when the hymn-singing started.

What the couple had done was to set up in the staging area of a vespers service for the National Campers on Mission Rally at the Jamestown Beach Campsites.

More than 100 families met July 16-18 for inspiration and relaxation — an inseparable combination for the organization of Southern Baptists who like to share their Christian faith while camping.

In the campgrounds with space for 600 units, Campers on Mission (COM) were not readily identifiable. Other campers attracted by the parachute gazebos in the center field area of the campground, joined into the activities.

During a watermelon-feeding contest (pairs of contestants lying supine head-to-head fed slices to one another), two teenaged girls walked up to see what the screaming was about. One elbowed the other, saying, "This is pretty neat." They stayed all afternoon.

That contest, as well as other, was engineered by Ken and Marilyn Prickett, special mission ministries field workers for the Home Mission Board.

The Pricketts often are called on to teach group-involvement activities. "We'll get a lot of criticism," said Ken, "but we have scriptural evidence to show Christ went where the people were."

Puppetry instruction, a musical drama, a campfire singalong, a national covered dish supper and a country fair were among the offerings at the rally.

Sessions included talks on campground counseling by Charles Hancock, HMB director of personnel development services. Joel Land, resort ministries specialist on the HMB special mission ministries staff, led in Sunday morning services and explained the operation of Christian Service Corps.

Winford Haynes of Cullman, Ala., has been a COM since its first national rally at Land Between the Lakes, Ky., four years ago. He's president of the Alabama COM state group which holds two rallies each year, and has been a CSC volunteer four years running.

He and his wife and three daughters have done Backyard Bible Clubs, survey, Bible schools and he's done wiring for a mission pastorium. His daughters do puppetry, he plays guitar, the harmonica and "a little magical tricks."

"Anywhere we're on vacation," he says, "we usually have Bible studies."

COM has grown to more than 10,000 families since its inception four years ago. Membership, which is free, includes regular mailouts on rallies, campground ministry information and tracts provided by the HMB and the American Bible Society.

Next year's national rally will be held July 15-17, at Ramada Camp Inn on Toledo Bend Reservoir, near Many, La. Each year's rally is co-sponsored by the HMB and the state in which the rally is held.



A watermelon-feeding contest attracted campers' attention. Pairs of contestants fed slices to one another while lying on their backs. "I can't swim," yelled one contestant. (HMB photo by Tim Nicholas)

Shave And A Haircut Accompanied By Prayers And Bible Readings

SAN BERNARDINO (EP) — Customers who go to Bennett's Barbershop here for a haircut receive some extra services — such as a Bible reading or hymn, or a personal prayer from one of the pastor-barbers.

Bennett's is operated by the Rev. Cyrus Alvah Bennett, pastor of the Church of Gospel Ministry and his assistant, the Rev. Jerry Wiley, minister with the Inland Christian Center Church.

"We feel we have a unique and very important ministry here in the barbershop," Mr. Wiley, 33, said.

"Many of our customers never darken the door of a church. We are able to bring the Lord to them as we cut their hair."

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Baptist Medical Center Stands By For President

When President Ford was in Jackson recently, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center was on a stand-by basis in case of any emergency involving the presidential party.

One of the president's personal physicians, Dr. Chester Ward, visited the center's facilities.

He toured the emergency room, the surgical suite, the intensive-care unit, the coronary-care unit, and other specialty areas of the 600-bed hospital.

"We were proud that we were designated for this role by the White House," said MBMC Executive Director Paul J. Pryor, "but we are glad, of course, that our help was not needed."

Details of the stand-by status were coordinated by Michael C. Wilkinson, associate director of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, who conducted Dr. Ward on his tour of the facility.

"We had Secret Service men here at the medical center for several days, looking things over," said Mrs. Frances Barnhill, R.N., head nurse in the emergency room. "They were very nice — and very professional."

"We set up a special area in the emergency department. We had supplies, medicine, drugs, monitors, defibrillators — whatever we thought might be needed."

"All those things are always available in the emergency room, but we concentrated them in one spot, so in case we were needed and things were crowded, we wouldn't have to go back and forth any more than necessary."

"We also had all kinds of medical specialists immediately avail-

able if needed. But we didn't add any on-site personnel, since we already had five nurses plus orderlies and clerks on regular duty."

"Nobody from the White House gave us any specific orders. I guess they figured we knew what would be needed — and indeed we did. We were ready, but of course off of us were glad we weren't needed."

Mrs. Barnhill said special lines of communication were set up during President Ford's stay in Jackson which linked the MCBC emergency room with locations in Jackson to be visited by President Ford and his party.

Chilean Baptists Celebrate U. S. Bicentennial

SANTIAGO, Chile—Some 40 national pastors of Baptist churches here honored Southern Baptist missionaries recently in celebration of the United States bicentennial.

According to O. D. (Bill) Dyches, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, the pastors held a "fiesta" complete with an anniversary cake. Chilean Baptist Convention President Eduardo Rios expressed the pastors' love and appreciation for Southern Baptist missionaries.

J. Kenneth (Ken) Park, president of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Chile, was presented a certificate with the names of the pastors present.

On July 4, most Chilean Baptist Churches held special celebration or recognition programs for the bicentennial.

New Books Continue To Roll From The Presses

GETTING READY FOR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK by B. J. Dean; GETTING READY FOR PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK by Dixie Ruth Chase; GETTING READY FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK by Leon Castle; GETTING READY FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK by Louie L. Wilkinson; GETTING READY TO WORK AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL GENERAL OFFICER by Jack D. Terry, Jr. (Convention Press, 75 cents each, paper, 23 pp. each) This series of five books was written to help the specific age group workers in preparing for a new year's work in Sunday School.

EMIL BRUNNER by J. Edward Humphrey, edited by Bob E. Patterson (Word Books, \$6.95, 183 pp.) Dr. Humphrey, professor of historical theology at Golden Gate Seminary, examines the life and teachings of Emil Brunner, theologian who, along with Karl Barth, dominated European theology for many years.

TEILHARD DE CHARDIN by Doran McCarty (Word Books, \$5.95, 149 pp.) In this book Dr. McCarty, professor of theology and philosophy at Midwestern Baptist Seminary, treats all the important aspects of the life and thought of Teilhard de Chardin, Jesuit priest and theologian.

PAUL, GOD'S ADVENTURE by Robble Trent (Word, 224 pp., \$6.95) The life of Paul written for youth. Children 8 to 10 and older will find this to be a fascinating story of one of the Bible's greatest characters and his story's greatest Christians.

JESUS TEACHES ON PRAYER by Ray C. Steadman (Word, 184 pp., \$4.95) A California pastor leads in a study on just what Jesus taught about prayer. In clear interpretation, effective application, and apt illustration the writer teaches great truths concerning prayer as our Lord revealed it and experienced it.

FACING LIFE'S EXPERIENCES by L. H. Coleman (Christ for the World, paper, 43 pp., \$1.95) These 21 messages are written by the pastor of Rose Hill Baptist Church, Texarkana. The book is designed to help the busy pastor in counseling, and to help people face up to life's differing, complex, and hard-to-face experiences. Some of the topics included are Facing a Decision for Christ, Facing Adolescence, Facing Bereavement, Facing Boredom, Facing Fear, Facing Divorce, Facing Surgery, Facing Marriage Facing Retirement, etc.

BUSING... THE REAL BRING by John and Brenda Stancil (Sword of the Lord Publishers, \$1.95, paper, 121 pp.) Successful methods in busing, as experienced by Forrest Hills Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

PETER DYNAMITE—Twice Born Russian by Norman B. Rohrer and Peter Demytka, Jr. (Baker, 192 pp., paper,

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BIBLE CRISS-CROSS PUZZLES by Jeffrey Fallman; BIBLE PUZZLE FUN by Grace Vander Klay with Illustrations by Walter Kerr; BIBLE-WISE PUZZLES AND QUIZZES by Milt Hammer; BIBLE PUZZLE PARADE by Betty DeVries with Illustrations by Walter Kerr (Baker, 79 cents each, paper) Each of these puzzle books will be a delight to children. They are packed with endless variety — hidden objects, maze puzzles, crossword, riddles, match-ups, mix-ups, zig-zag, rhyming, key word, rebus, etc.

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THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT by Michael P. Hamilton (Eerdmans, 196 pp., paper, \$3.95).

A series of ten 10 essays on the Charismatic movement, some defending and praising it, and others criticizing and questioning it. An effort is made to bring understanding of the movement from the point of view of Scripture, psychologically and otherwise. The effects of the movement also are seen.

CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS BY Rudyard Kipling (Gulf Books, 86 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10024, paper, 59 cents, 48 pp.) This is one of the Classics Illustrated series, great literature in comic book format. Classics Illustrated was a publishing venture begun in the 1940's. The comic books are no longer being printed, but Gulf Books still has in stock some of the best titles.

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THIRTY-ONE BANANA LEAVES by Winifred Kellenberger Vass (John Knox Press, 64 pp., \$4.95) The author, born to missionary parents in Zaire, presents thirty-one sketches that cover every facet of her life there — customs, childhood pastimes, missionary outings, and some of life's tragedies. A colorful portrait of African life.

TALES OF HUMAN FRAILTY AND THE GENTLENESS OF GOD by Kenneth G. Phifer (John Knox Press, paper, 127 pp.) These vivid retellings of Old Testament stories show us our own human frailty and God's saving, inexhaustible gentleness with us.

WRESTLING WITH LUTHER by John R. Loesch (Concordia, 185 pp., \$9.50) A scholarly introduction to the thinking of the great Christian reformation leader. Analyzes Luther's doctrine and work, and how he came to the positions he took.

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CHURCH BULLETIN BITS compiled by George W. Knight (Baker, paper, 143 pp., \$2.95) Fillers for church bulletins—200 "bits" in 18 categories. Mr. Knight is an editor at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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THE GOSPEL OF GRACE by J. D. Jones (Baker, paper, \$3.95, 283 pp.) Sermons by a Welsh preacher (1855-1942) who was noted for his imagination and skill in proclamation.

MISSIONS VBS PLAN BOOK by Arthur Barnham (Convention, paper, \$1.50, 27 pp.) Use this book to plan a mission VBS in your community, in your association, or in a distant state.

Names In The News

Jimmie L. Gresham, Brotherhood secretary for Missouri Baptists, has been named director of the Pioneer Royal Ambassador Department at the SBC Brotherhood Commission here effective August 1. He succeeds Charles Doggett who resigned in January 1975 to become minister of education and administration at Bethany Baptist Church, Dallas.

Bruce Grubbs, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Nashville, recently was named pastoral ministries consultant in the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church administration department. Grubbs served as pastor of various Southern Baptist churches for 13 years before assuming his present position.

Blythe Creek Church in Choctaw Association licensed Ronny Oswalt to the gospel ministry Aug. 2. Ronny surrendered to preach several months ago and has been active in supply speaker and preaching in revivals. He

was the evangelist in the Cross Roads Church revival, (Choctaw) August 8-13. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Oswalt (both are deceased), and is living with his grandmother, Mrs. Yates Oswalt. Ronny is a senior at Mathiston High School. His pastor is John O. McMullen.

A concert of sacred and gospel music will be presented at the Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist Church on Aug. 15, at 7 p. m. by composer C. Stephen Smith, featuring music and lyrics which he has written and published.

Mr. Smith, former minister of music for eight years at the Richland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., plays the organ, piano, guitar, and accordion and does most of the solo work for the demonstration tapes of his compositions. He was the featured soloist for the Nashville Symphony in its 1974 operatic production, and will present an hour of gospel and sacred songs in this concert.

A reception follows the evening program.

Dr. Wayne E. Sterling, pastor of West McComb Baptist Church since August 1974, has resigned effective Aug. 16 to accept the position of associate professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Liberty Baptist Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.

Other pastorates in Mississippi include Pioneer Baptist Church, Woodville (1955-1960); Briel Avenue Church, Natchez (1960-61); Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia (1964-1967); and East Fork Baptist Church, Liberty (1970-1973).

Dr. Sterling holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and the M.Div. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Seminary. His new address is 115 Pacos Street, Lynchburg, Va. 24502.

Bob Pierson was ordained to the gospel ministry Aug. 1, by Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicksburg. He has accepted the call as pastor of First Baptist Church of Indian Springs, Nevada. He will begin his ministry there Aug. 9. The ordination service was led by Paul Brooks, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church.

Jim Gibson, minister of music for First Baptist Church, Broken Arrow, Okla., has been named youth music consultant in the church music department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Gibson holds the B.M. degree from Samford University, and the M.C.M. degree from New Orleans Seminary. An Alabama native, Gibson has been a member of the Oklahoma Singing Churchmen and the

Oklahoma State Festival Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Payton Myers, missionaries to Nigeria, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 93, Kaduna, Nigeria). Both are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Hazlehurst and grew up in Jackson. She is the former Helen Green of Prentiss.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wendell Powers, missionary associates to Taiwan, may be addressed at P. O. Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China. She was born in Mississippi.

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Paul Truitt Church Pastor Retires, Leach Called

Dr. Malcolm M. Leach is the new pastor at the Paul Truitt Memorial Baptist Church, Pearl, following the retirement of Rev. J. L. Reeves, who ended 22 years of ministry on July 4.



Dr. Leach, former pastor of the Richland Baptist Church at Nashville, Tenn., is an alumnus of Jackson's Central High School, Mississippi College, and Louisiana State University. He received the master of divinity from Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and the doctor of ministry from Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn. He has served churches in Anguilla, Miss.; Indiana; New York; Tennessee; and Kentucky. Mrs. Leach, the former Helen Lee of New Hebron, Miss., received her B. S. degree magna cum laude in elementary education from Belmont College, Nashville. She has been teaching the fifth grade at the Park Avenue School at Nashville. The Leachs have two sons: Richard, who makes him home at Nashville, and David Allen, who makes his home at Crossgates in Rankin County.

Rev. Reeves has been called by the church to the position as pastor emeritus.

He is active also in revival and pulpit supply for churches in central Mississippi.

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Philippine Families Sent Food, Supplies

MANILA, Philippines (BP) — Philippine Baptists distributed food and other supplies to more than 1,000 families in the aftermath of one of central Luzon island's worst floods.

Purchase of the supplies was possible as a result of a \$5,000 disaster relief appropriation by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board along with funds contributed by Filipino church members, according to Robert L. Stanley, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Caused by slow-moving Typhoon Olga in late May, the flooding isolated the entire central portion of Luzon for about a week.

G. Dean Dickens, pastor of Clark Field Baptist Church, said that relief money channeled through his church was used to feed 500 persons for four days. Rice, fish and canned milk for small children were distributed. On the

first day of the flood, Clark Church members waded through chest-deep waters to deliver the food. As the waters continued to rise, reaching some areas became impossible.

In Manila, aid was administered through the Tagalog Area Baptist Churches Association. Pastors Larry Macasero and Henry Cabalang said 308 families received help.

Charles D. Brock, Southern Baptist missionary in San Fernando, La Union, estimated that some 50 families were given rice, vegetables milk and bread through eight churches in that area.

F. P. Montenegro of Dagupan, editor of the Luzon Baptist Convention newspaper, said the West Pangsasinan Association assisted 223 families.

More than 400 pesos or about \$55 was donated by individuals through the Luzon convention.

Damage to churches in the flooded areas appeared to be relatively minor, Dickens reported. The roof of one church building was damaged when a tree fell on it. Several other churches sustained water damage as flood waters rose in the buildings, according to Stanley.

Beulah Church Calls Danny L. Chaney

Beulah Baptist Church of Newton County has called Rev. Danny L. Chaney as pastor. Rev. Chaney goes to Beulah from the Sallis Baptist Church of Attala County.

He is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School and East Central Junior College, where he received his A. A. degree. He has had courses at Mississippi College in the Bible and has been accepted as a student in New Orleans Seminary.

Rev. Chaney and his family will move into the Beulah parsonage Aug. 14. He is married to the former Wanda Carol Beckham of Neshoba County and they have two children.

Ford Honors Baptist National Farm Family

WASHINGTON (BP) While the Democratic Party was in the process of nominating Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist deacon and peanut farmer from Georgia for the presidency of the U. S., President Gerald R. Ford met here with another Southern Baptist deacon and his family from Louisiana to congratulate them on being selected as the "1975 National Farm Family of the Year."

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Powell, who operate a diversified farm in Coushatta, La., are active in the First Baptist Church there and Mr. Powell serves as a deacon. A White House spokesman said. Their farm includes a dairy herd, soy beans, cotton and corn.

They were accompanied to the White House by a daughter, Suzanne, and Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, who introduced them to President Ford. Another daughter, Dianne, was unable to make the trip to the White House.

The family's visit to the White House culminated a national contest sponsored by the Farmer's Home Association.

Beyond the Ironing Board
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Every once in a while the smart-alec in any one of several of the folks who live at our house steps to the front and asks, "Is the washing machine going?"

The answer, through which a smile sounds, is, "Yes, and I'll have the dishwasher going in a minute — and the hose for watering the flowers."

Nobody really needs to listen to hear, "Good, I'm getting in the shower."

It's been very interesting — the involvement of the little routine. You see, it began sometime back as loud yells from the shower, "Turn off the water!" Then it changed to sharp sarcasm, and on to tongue-in-cheek humor, "You can turn everything on now. I'm getting in the shower." Now it has become a family communication that everybody can smile about.

Showers for our four men when all were, or are, at home involve not only adherence to a reasonably rigid schedule, an extremely energetic hot water heater, watching the soap sales, and yellowing about using a towel more than once, but an extremity of patience. Patience with how long the guy ahead of you stays in, and with whether he leaves you any hot water, but most of all patience with all the rest of the family members who suddenly, the moment you start your shower, go running around wild, turning on things that make the water coming to the shower run hot and cold at intervals that defy any degree of regularity.

Would you believe that as I write this, without his knowing what I'm writing about, a boy — a twenty-year-old, six-foot-four, two-hundred-pound chunk can be called a boy — came in and grinned, "I hate to disappoint you; I know you've already run the waster and dishwasher and everything, but I have to get a shower!"

Most communication takes a while, but its worth is measured in hearts and grins and souls, not in the days or weeks or months, or sometimes even years — it takes to get messages through.

Ridgecrest Gift Shop Offers Foreign Novelties

RIDGECREST, N. C. — The gift shop at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center has a new look this summer.

Original handcrafted novelties from various Southern Baptist mission fields are being offered in the shop through an arrangement with Handicrafts International.

Handicrafts International, endorsed by Owen Cooper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mrs. Marie Mathis, a well-known leader in WMU

work, is an organization created to help underprivileged countries supply the American market with self-help handicrafts. It also seeks to call attention to world hunger.

According to Mrs. James Petree, gift shop supervisor at Ridgecrest, the foreign-made items should be of interest to individuals as well as churches. Many of the goods, she explains, can be used for mission displays as well as for personal gifts.

Novelties include everything from dolls, jewelry, and hand-carved wooden figures to brass work.

Emmanuel (Marion) Plans 20th Anniversary

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion Association will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Aug. 22.

The church will couple a bicentennial celebration with this celebration in an attempt to have its finest hour in attendance and concern for the community.

Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor of the Tangipahoa Baptist Church of Louisiana will be the guest speaker for the morning worship hour. After the morning worship hour, the church will have dinner at the church. The celebration will include singing, recognition of visitors, a reading of the church history, a reading of charter members, testimonies of the effect of the church on the community, and fellowship together. Cassette tapes will be placed in various locations to help evaluate charts containing the statistical information of the church over the past 20 years.

Earl H. Suber is the pastor.

Darlove Church To Hear Ballard At Homecoming

Darlove Church will have homecoming on August 15 with Rev. Taylor Ballard preaching at the 10:30 service.

Dinner on the grounds will be followed by an afternoon service at 2 o'clock.

Revival starts on Monday night, August 16 at 7:30 nightly with Rev. Don Savell, preaching and Charles Clark in charge of music. Rev. Charles Laws is pastor.

Bibletones To Sing At Calvary (Yazoo) Homecoming

Calvary Church, Yazoo City, has set their 1976 "HOME-COMING" date to be August 15. Letters have been sent to former members and friends.

The "Bibletones Quartet" will be the special guest singers in the morning worship service and will present a gospel concert at 2 p.m. — after "dinner on the ground." The Bibletones, based in Lumberton, have just received their latest album entitled, "ON THE WAY HOME." This album was produced in Nashville with the use of full strings. All of the Bibletones' albums will be on display at the church.

Sunday School will start at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m., according to Jerry N. Watts, minister of music-youth. The Rev. Ben Bennett is the pastor.

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A Call To Wholehearted Commitment

By Bill Duncan
I Kings 18

The spiritual degeneracy in Israel was unparalleled during the days of Elijah. Israel had lost her distinctiveness as God's protest against polytheism. Jeroboam had brought into the national life the worship of the golden calf from Egypt. Ahab had married Jezebel of Phoenicia who was a spiritual follower of Baal and Ashtareth. Her father was a former priest of Baal and became king of Phoenicia by intrigue and murder. She was well trained in Baalism and promoted Baal worship in Israel. Baal was the sun-god who was supposed to be the god who controlled the seasons, rain, and nature. As the Hebrews became blind with the concept of this false god, they lost sight of the God of love, mercy, holiness, and majesty. As the Hebrews lost true concept of God, their morals decayed as well.

Jezebel was in a strategic position to promote her religion. As queen, she was influential, crafty, cruel, intelligent, and beautiful. She had a stronger personality than her husband, who was king. Ahab had no religious convictions, so the worship of Baal was promoted until the priest of the false gods ate at the king's table and became the court of Israel. One writer said, "Every hill smoked with sacrifices to the false gods and the valley echoed with the blasphemous shouts of pagan priests."

Into the midst of spiritual need, God sent Elijah as if he parachuted from heaven. His home was in the mountains east of Jordan and most likely from a mountain village. He was a Bible student that took his text from Deuteronomy 11:17, where he had read, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; and then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain and that the land yield not her fruit, and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord gives you." Being familiar with the word of God, Elijah knew the people were in for a severe judgment.

Elijah was a man of prayer and faith. He believed that depression

was better than that the people choke on prosperity and forget God. To pray that it would not rain was a terrible prayer but it was necessary. Elijah's faith was in a living God who was standing in his presence. Any man who believes that God is alive, that God is present with him, and that he is a commissioned servant of God, becomes material for a miracle in God's hand.

"How long halt ye between two opinions," I Kings 18:26. The statement literally means, "How long will ye leap upon two branches?" Many of them were limping between two opinions. Down deep in their hearts they knew that they had deserted Jehovah and there was a strong pull to return to God, but it was unpopular and dangerous to be a professor of Jehovah. The conscience pulled from one side and patronage from the government on the

other side. They limped like a crippled man between the two extremes.

The main thing that caused them to reconsider Jehovistic worship was the challenge of Elijah and the drought. None of the crowd present answered him a word. An invitation to come to God is not enough. It must be accompanied by a demonstration of the power of God.

Elijah made a proposition with the people. He urged the priest of Baal to build an altar and place a sacrifice on it. They were not to put fire under it but were to call upon Baal to answer by fire. The prophet would do the same thing. He would build an altar and call upon Jehovah and "the God that answereth by fire, let him be God." Elijah had challenged and proved that Baal was not the god of the seasons; he could not send rain. If Baal is

the sun-god, he could send fire. If Jehovah is the God of heavens, he could send fire. "The God that answers by fire, let him be God."

The fire fell and a demonstration of the presence of God proved that Baal was false. The people were moved. When the people saw the demonstration of the power and presence of God, "they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God (v. 38)." While the people were overwhelmed by the presence of God, the prophet commanded all the 450 Baal prophets to be killed. When the people responded by faith to God so that Baalism would never again be a threat to Jehovah, rain soon came as the prophet prayed.

Fidelity to God calls for wholehearted commitment to him. This means rejecting anything that competes with him for first place in life.

Sunday School Lesson: International For August 22

The Church Teaches

By Wm. J. Fallis
Deuteronomy 11:18-23;
Proverbs 1:7;

1 Timothy 4:1-16; 6:20-10;
2 Timothy 3:14-15

In 1780 a newspaper publisher in Gloucester, England, gathered some dirty, ragged boys off the streets into a house on Sooty Alley to study the "three R's" and the Bible. That was Robert Raikes and the first Sunday School. Five years later a Baptist deacon, William Fox in London, organized a society for promoting Sunday Schools. Within a few years similar schools were started in our country. The earliest Baptist school of record was started in Baltimore in 1804. Although the Sunday School had opposition, it has been of primary importance in this century to the growth and Bible study of Southern Baptists and some other denominations. Many churches also teach in other ways.

The Lesson Explained
The Pastor Must Be A Teacher
(1 Tim. 4:11-16)

Timothy was the son of a Jewish mother and a Greek father in Lystra, and Paul had won him to Christian faith. He accompanied Paul and Silas on part of the second missionary journey and later was a special messenger to the church at Corinth. Now he has been appointed by Paul as pastor

of the church in Ephesus. He could have been in his thirties and still have been considered young.

Paul insisted that Timothy accept his responsibilities as leader and teacher. If he would show in his speech, conduct, and spirit that he had lived by the Christian standard, no one would look down on his immaturity. As the pastor, he should read the Scriptures (probably Old Testament) in public, interpret them earnestly, and guide the instruction of new converts. He should exercise his spirit gift, "which was given," said Paul, "when the prophets spoke and the elders laid their hands on you" (TEV). In verse 16 "doctrine" means teaching; so Timothy was urged to be alert as to the impact of his own character and teaching on others. Besides, the pastor must also preach to himself.

False Teachers Seek A Profit
(1 Tim. 6:2-5)

Again, Paul urged Timothy to teach as he has learned. Whatever problems those ancient churches had, Paul felt that teaching "the words of our Lord Jesus Christ" was the way to find solutions. On the other hand, those who would not accept those "wholesome words" and "the teaching that harmonizes with true godliness" (Weymouth) is both proud and ignorant. These people were fascinated — in a sick way — by theories and the meanings of words. They kindled controversies which burst into envy, quarreling, suspicion, and wrangling. Preoccupied by their disputing, they lost their awareness of truth. These false teachers thought that religion is a tool for making money.

Contentment Vs. Love Of Money
(1 Tim. 6:6-10)

Paul's charge against false teachers — inciting controversy to make money — led him to make a memorable statement about the "love of money." In verse 6 "godliness" means religion, and Paul says that it does give "great gain" (a spiritual kind) when a person is more influenced by inner resources than outward conditions. Such a person knows that he brought nothing into life and can take nothing out. He can be content with food, clothing, and shelter. Accumulating more and more can increase desire and lead a person to a change of life's focus, eventually bringing him to ruin and destruction.

WIN Schools Held In Bahamas

During the past six months, an evangelistic crusade took place in Nassau, seven WIN schools (training of church members in soul-winning) have been held in Bahamian Baptist churches, two evangelism seminars have been conducted and one Lay Evangelism Teachers' Training School has been taught.

Carol Veatch, Southern Baptist missionary and consultant on the Evangelism Committee of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention aided those who attended the Teachers' Training School by having them assist him in conducting a WIN

Japanese Students Observe Ridgecrest Operation

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Many of the workers at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center will have someone looking over their shoulders during the next three weeks.

The interested onlookers are not government inspectors or job supervisors; they are a group of 10 students from the YMCA International Hotel School in Tokyo.

The 10 men are among a select group of 26 students who are in the United States to obtain a first-hand look at the how-to's of operating hotels and conference centers, and the Ridgecrest visit is the second stop in a six-weeks study tour that will take them to such cities as New York, Boston and San Francisco.

The entire delegation usually stays at the nearby Blue Ridge Assembly, which is operated by the YMCA, but because of the large number this year, Ridgecrest officials volunteered to host part of the group.

While at Ridgecrest, the Japanese students will observe and occasionally participate in everything from food service and utility upkeep to registration procedures.

The practical knowledge they hope to gain should prove to be immediately applicable. According to a spokesman for the group,

plans have been made to construct a \$2 million YMCA assembly about 150 miles northwest of Tokyo.

The 10 young men should also learn a few things about Americans. They are staying in dorm rooms with Ridgecrest staffers, and more than 7,000 guests will visit the religious retreat during their stay.

Wingate College Approved For Four-Year Status

BUES CREEK, N. C. (BP) — Wingate College, a two-year Baptist institution near Charlotte, N. C., was approved for four-year status by the general board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention which met on the campus of Campbell College here.

Wingate, founded in 1886 as a high school became a junior college in the mid 1930's. It became affiliated with North Carolina Baptists in 1940.

It will begin offering the four-year baccalaureate degree in only a few disciplines, aiming for four-year accreditation in 1979.

Pastor-Missionary Retreats

All pastors and missionaries are invited to attend the camp most convenient. The program includes Bible study, Bible centered messages and relaxed fellowship.

Bible study leaders are: Dr. James L. Travis, Wall Doxey State Park; Dr. William W. Stevens, Leroy Percy Park; Dr. Don H. Stewart, Paul Johnson Park, and Rev. James Nelson will speak on the ministry of the church three times at Roosevelt State Park.

Dr. Earl Kelly will bring messages at each park.

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Satellite To Transmit Free Programs Through Indonesia

SEMARANG, Indonesia (BP)—After Indonesia's first domestic satellite is launched this summer, Baptist programs will be aired free of charge throughout Indonesia, according to J. O. Terry Jr., Southern Baptist regional radio and television representative for East and Southeast Asia.

The Domestic Satellite Communications System (DOMSAT) will tie together 120 million Indonesians on 2,000 islands stretching from Sumatra to West Irian through radio and television. It will make possible telephone, telegraph, and television services throughout the islands.

"The reason we are excited about this so-called domestic satellite is that it will make anything on the local services available throughout all of Indonesia instead of just in the Semarang area," Terry said. Semarang is where Baptist radio and television ministries are based.

It means radio and television programs can now be broadcast simultaneously throughout the islands. In times past, there have been no networks. Programs were taped and then transmitted from

station to station to be rebroadcast.

For example, only a limited number of viewers could see an Easter program on Easter. Many others saw it as it was rebroadcast in the weeks that followed, and each rebroadcast lost quality, according to Terry.

But even more important is the cost factor. "The thing that is important to us is we will be seen in all of Indonesia at no cost to us," Terry added.

The government gives Baptists the time and pays the production costs for a 23-minute program broadcast six to eight times a year. These programs are produced from Jakarta.

Other programs have been produced from Jakarta where Baptist films were shown 129 times last year as fill-ins, according to former Southern Baptist Missionary G. Barry Nelson, formerly director of radio and television work in Indonesia.

Malaysia and the southern part of the Philippines will also be able to use the satellite, Terry said.

Humility is like underwear, essential, but indecent if it shows.



"Good Old Days" At Providence

Providence Church of Pearl celebrated the 4th of July by having old-fashioned day. The members, as well as Pastor Harry Gipson, dressed in outfits of the "good old days." The day began with regular Sunday School and worship services followed by dinner on the ground and a singing featuring the Hall Family Singers of Pelahatchie. Left to right Teresa Curry, Mrs. F. Graham, Mrs. A. Holt, Mrs. D. Sumrall, Mrs. J. Marshall, Mrs. S. Daniels, Mrs. M. Warren and Mrs. E. Giles. Seated is Mrs. Jane Goolsby.

New Salem Pastor Preaches In Guatemala

The Rev. E. P. Baldwin, pastor of New Salem Church, Route 2, Iuka, left August 3, by plane from Miami, to go to Guatemala.



He and members of the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Team will preach there in the "Christ for the Crisis Crusade."

Mr. Baldwin became pastor of New Salem about seven weeks ago, moving there from the Shiloh Church in Alcorn County.

When he read a plea in Christ

Devotional

Have I Caused A Child To Stumble?

By Paul Vandercook, Director of Language Ministries
Gulf Coast and Jackson County Association

Text: Matthew 18:6

Jesus did not often speak with such strong language as he did in this instance. It would be better for a man to be dead, he told his disciples, than for that man to cause a little one to sin. For Jesus to have spoken so harshly he must have felt very deeply about the responsibility of properly guiding children.

He warned against tempting anyone to go astray but the emphasis in this particular situation seems to be on the proper guidance of children. We would do well to consider whether we cause our children to stumble. As often as not it is what we don't do that causes them to go wrong.

"Daddy," a little boy calls, "will you play ball with me?" "Not now," his father answers, "I'm reading my paper."

"Mother, read me a story," a small child asks. But mother is too busy with a television program or a party.

It seems like a little thing to put a child off for a few minutes. But even with our best intentions of stopping later to play with the child or to listen to his problem we may let the matter drop until both he and we have forgotten all about it. What we don't do may be a little thing that will cause a child to stumble. Children need the full-time interest of their parents and very little is more important than spending time helping them to learn about living.

A youngster gets his lifetime standard of values from his parents. What he will be is usually pretty well molded by the time he starts to school. If he sees that recreation is more important than Sunday School he will likely teach his children the same thing.

Little boys develop their sense of honesty and fair play by watching Dad deal with his friends. Little girls develop their attitudes toward home and family from what they see mother do and hear her say.

Even more important is the child's concept of God. If a parent's faith makes a difference in his life and in the way he treats other people, a child will develop that kind of faith. If it's all a show his faith will be at least as shallow.

It's a harsh warning Jesus gave us. We had better heed it well.

Two Faculty Members Added, New Housing At S'western

FORT WORTH (BP)—Southwestern Seminary announced the election of two new faculty members and beginning of construction on 48 new studio-style apartments for students here.

The naming by trustees of James A. Brooks as an associate professor of New Testament and Harry B. Hunt Jr. as assistant professor of Old Testament brings to nine the number elected to the seminary's faculty this year, a spokesman said.

Brooks is coming to Southwestern from New Orleans Seminary, where he has been associate professor of New Testament and Greek since 1966. The El Paso, Tex., native was pastor of Terrill Road Baptist Church, Scotch Plains, N. J., 1963-68. A Baylor University, Waco, Tex., graduate, Brooks holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern, the doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton (N. J.) Theological Seminary, and has done additional study at Oxford University in England. He and his wife Beverly have two children, a daughter, 15, and a son, 10.

Hunt is currently associate professor of religion and director of in-service training at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo. Prior to joining the Missouri school's faculty in 1973, he held a variety of interim Missouri pastorates and was pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Tex., 1966-70.

A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Tex., Hunt holds the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees. He and his wife Patricia Lou have two children, a daughter, 3, and a son, 7.

The other announcement from Southwestern was that construction has begun on 48 new housing units for students on a five-acre site north of the seminary's J. Howard Williams Memorial Student Village. Construction cost is estimated at \$672,000, a seminary spokesman said.

The expansion will bring the total number of units in the village to 256. The new additions will raise the number of housing units operated by the seminary to 748, the spokesman added.

At least one-third of the new apartments are expected to be ready for occupancy by Aug. 20, in time for the fall semester, 1976-77 registration.

White Oak Church Calls W. G. Dowdy

Rev. W. G. Dowdy, pastor of Gaston Baptist Church, Prentiss Association for seven years and four months, has resigned to accept a call to White Oak Baptist Church, Smith Association.



He went to Gaston in March 1969. The Church budget has increased from an annual amount of \$15,000 to over \$35,000 per year. The educational building has been remodeled inside and out, carpet installed through all the church, and a sound system and pew cushions have been installed. The church parking lot has been paved, the pastor's home has been remodeled, and an addition has been built to the house. The purchase of five acres of land has increased the recreational activities of the church.

During the seven years Bro. Dowdy served Gaston as pastor an average of twenty members were added each year. Gaston Church has held the highest attendance for Training Union "M" Night in the Prentiss County Baptist Association for the past seven years. Recreation activities include three softball teams and three basketball teams, and a Youth Camp has been held each year in July.

Rev. Dowdy served Toccoola, Liberty, and Furrs in Pontotoc County and Mt. Olive and Okolona in Chickasaw County as pastor. He served as president of the Northeast Mississippi Pastors Conference and president of the Prentiss County Ministerial Association.

Rev. Dowdy is a 1976 graduate of Blue Mountain Baptist College.

Rev. Dowdy and his wife, Fannie, have four children, a son Billy and wife Vicki live in Poplarville, MS; Darlene, a summer staff worker at Camp Garaywa, Clinton will be a Junior at the University of Southern Mississippi; Hattiesburg this fall Pam, a Sophomore at Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, and Tim who will be a fourth grader this fall.

Rev. Dowdy is a Korean war veteran and served in the U. S. Army for 11 years.

Revival Dates

County Line Church (Rankin, between Puckett and Mendenhall): Aug. 15-22; Rev. Wayne Mills, director of International Evangelistic Mission Ministries, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thomas Kilpatrick, pastor.

Edwards Church (Hinds-Madison): Aug. 15-20; Sam Creel, pastor Highland Church, Jackson, evangelist; Chuck Mason, Edwards, music director; services 7:30 p.m.; D. W. Green, pastor.

First Church, Landerdale: Aug. 22-27; Joe Anderson, pastor of McAdams Church, evangelist; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Bishop, pastor.

MT. ZION CHURCH (Rankin): Aug. 15-21; Harry Gipson, pastor of Providence Church, Pearl, evangelist; Richard Sullivan, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; evening services 7:30; Friday night is youth night; Milton Sargent, pastor.

HOLCOMB CHURCH (Grenada): Aug. 15-20; A. Winfred Breasher, Bruce, evangelist; Gary Lewis minister of music at Holcomb, singer; services 10:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Durell L. Edwards, pastor.

Bethiah Church (Choctaw): Aug. 15-20; W. T. Holloway, pastor, will be the evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.

Black Hawk Church, near Coila: August 15-20; services at 8 p.m. S. C. Earwood, pastor, McBee Church, Lowndes County, evangelist; homecoming August 15, with dinner on the grounds and special music by Church of God of Prophecy Singers; Nan Mosley, pianist; Luther Lindsey, pastor.

BALA CHURCH (Pike): Aug. 15-20; Steve Johnson, evangelist; Mike Thompson, music evangelist; Sunday morning at 11:00 and each night at 7:00; Wayne L. Williams, pastor.

Chapparral Church, Waynesboro: August 15-25; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday at 7:30 p.m.; D. J. Benson, pastor, West Laurel Church, Laurel, evangelist; Tony Chapman, music director; James L. Rayner, pastor.

Montgomery (Lincoln): August 15-20; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; J. Macon Oswalt, pastor, First Church, Hammond, La., evangelist; Tim King, music director; Fred L. Bollen, Jr., pastor.

Blue Lake Church, Lambert: August 15-19; V. L. Montgomery, pastor of West Drew Church, evangelist; Paul Blanchard, pastor.

CARSON CHURCH (Jeff-Davis Assn.): Aug. 8-13; Rev. R. G. Stewart, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Billy Therrell, music evangelist and pastor; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Goodwater (Landerdale): August 16-20; at 7:30 p.m.; J. Carroll Hamilton, pastor of Highland Church, Meridian, evangelist; Jimmy Crane, Russell, guest musician; Ross Burnside, pastor.

Bethany Church, Bay Springs: Aug. 15-20; Sunday is homecoming with dinner on the grounds and morning service at 11:00 with Rev. Malcolm Wages, pastor, preaching; afternoon service at 2:00 with Rev. Ben Evans, former pastor, preaching; weekday services at 7:30 with Rev. Ron Arronson, pastor, Calvary Church, Batesville, evangelist.

PEACH CREEK (Panola): Aug. 15-20; regular services on Sunday; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30; Jack Moore, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; Benny Thompson, pastor.

SILAM CHURCH (Clay): Aug. 15-20; Dr. Byron Malone of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, evangelist; Larry Wimberly of Wheeler Grove, Corinth, guest minister of music; covered dish dinner on Sunday; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Walter Frederick, pastor.

Sylvan Church, Wesson: Aug. 11-15; Jerry Berler, pastor, speaker; Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Galbraith, singers; services 7 p.m. nightly and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Short Creek Church (Yazoo): Aug. 16-22; homecoming Aug. 22 with picnic lunches; Jerry Fife, Immanuel Church, Columbus, evangelist; Donald Toomey, Greenwood, song leader; Sheila Ashley, pianist; Art Slatten, pastor.

Hebron Church (Yazoo): Aug.

DeSoto Association Urges Action On Immorality

The Christian Action Commission of the De Soto Association, has sent a letter to U. S. Congressmen, Senators and the President, urging that a law be passed, that would remove from office, any government leader found guilty of "ungodly activities," according to Jackie Cook, pastor of Fairhaven Church, Olive Branch, and chairman of the commission.

Copies of the letter also have been sent to all Baptist associations within the state of Mississippi, and to Christian Action Commissions in all the states, with an accompanying letter urging similar action.

The letter sent to the national officials is as follows:

"Whereas some of those in positions of leadership in this great country have been involved in sexual immorality and other uncommendable and degrading activities, our God fearing people have become very much concerned.

"It is our desire that a law be passed demanding that anyone involved in such ungodly activities be immediately removed from office.

"Whereas the drug problem in America, according to columnists and other writers, is on the upsurge and considering that authorities say that alcohol is America's No. 1 drug problem, we are against alcoholic beverages being used for celebrations and entertainment in the capital of our great nation. Also, you will find enclosed an article copied from one of our papers concerning a blasphemous hymn being used by our Armed Forces. (Armed Forces 'Book of Worship') I can not believe that the leaders of our nation would tolerate the use of such an unworthy composition. If this article is correct and proper action is not taken, our nation claims only one of the spoken promises of God that is THE DREADFUL WRATH OF GOD. It is disgusting that our hard-earned tax dollars are being

used to support these ungodly indulgences.

"Seeing that this is the 200th birthday of our great nation, it is our desire that she receive the best gift possible. The greatest thing we could do for our country is give her back to God, so that God can bless her."

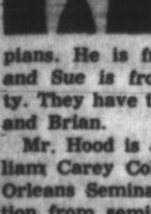


Pastorium Remodeled

Holcomb Baptist Church, at Holcomb in Grenada County, has recently completed a \$24,000 remodeling of the pastorium, which included the addition of some rooms, central air conditioning, and bricking the entire structure. The pastor is Durell Edwards, who served the church for six years from 1962 to 1968, left to go to Chevala, Tennessee and later to Liberty Church, Carrollton, Miss. After nearly four years away from Holcomb he was called back by the church, and has since then has led in the rebuilding of the pastorium and other measures in the church program. During this second pastorate there has been 18 additions by baptism, and 8 by letter and statement.

Hood Called To Louisiana

Bobby T. Hood, formerly an associate on the staff of the First Church, Columbia, is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Morrero, Louisiana. Prior to ministry in Columbia, Bobby and Sue Hood served as foreign missionaries in Argentina.



The Hoods are native Mississippians. He is from Jones County and Sue is from Jackson County. They have two children, Lauri and Brian.

Mr. Hood is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. After graduation from seminary, he accepted the pastorate of Sylvan Church, Smith County.

A fellowship supper was held at the First Baptist Church in Columbia in July to honor the Hoods. Gifts of appreciation and words of gratitude were extended to them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams and son, George Adams

Calvary, Newton Calls Pastor

Members of Calvary Church, Newton, welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. Henry Adams, and his wife and son, George, with dinner at the church Sunday, August 1. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and his family moved to Newton from Neshoba where he was pastor of the Neshoba Church for 7½ years.

Mr. Adams is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and Mrs. Adams, the former Magdalen Callahan, are both from Carthage. They have four children, three married daughters and one son, George, a tenth grader. They are living at 110 New Ireland Street, Newton, MS 39345

Off The Record

Consider the "Irish" joke about Paddy who had fallen into evil ways.

Paddy mugged a pedestrian and was caught.

"You admit you took his wallet and his lunch," said the judge. "What did you do with them?"

"I took out the money and dropped the wallet in a mail box," Paddy said.

"Adn the lunch, what did you do with it?"

"Ate the bread, but threw the meat away."

"Why did you throw the meat away?"

"Because, it was Friday." — LEO AIKMAN.

"How long have you been driving without a tail light, buddy?" demanded the policeman.

The driver ran to the rear of his car and started to moan. His distress was so great that the officer was moved to ease up on him a bit. "Aw, come on, now," he said, "you don't have to take it so hard. It isn't that serious."

"It isn't?" cried the motorist. "What happened to my boat and trailer?"

The sheriff of a backwoods county received from the state police six pictures of a wanted criminal, all from different angles. After a week the sheriff wrote the state police: "I duly received the pictures of the six suspects wanted. We've captured five of them and we are hot on the trail of the sixth."

Stamps Transfer To Nicaragua

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Stamps, missionaries, have transferred from Ecuador to Nicaragua (address: Apartado A-138, Managua, Nicaragua). He is a native of Prentiss, Miss., and she is the former Glenna Morgan of Hill County, Tex.

Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962, he was superintendent of missions for the Mississippi Baptist Association, Liberty.